

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2007, in which claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20 were rejected.

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee US Patent No. 6,628,413 in view of Ogino et al. US Publication No. 2002/0054109.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 1 includes **"displaying a print dialog box to a user in response to a user input, the print dialog box including a Properties actuator;" "in response to the user actuating the Properties actuator, displaying multiple Properties pages including a Support Manual page, the Support Manual page being distinct from other Properties pages and including a link to a Web site, the Web site including information corresponding to a printer being used by the user;" and "in response to the user actuating the link, providing the user with the information corresponding to the printer."**

Independent claim 14 includes **"a print dialog box including a Properties actuator;" and "multiple Properties pages displayed in response to user actuation of the Properties actuator, the multiple Properties pages including a Support Manual page, the Support Manual page being distinct from other Properties pages and including a link to a Web site, the Web site including information corresponding to a printer being used by the user such that, in response to the user actuating the link, the user is provided with the information corresponding to the printer."**

With respect to the Lee and Ogino references, Applicant submits that these references, individually or in combination, do not disclose a method for providing printer information to a user as claimed in independent claim 1, and do not disclose a system for providing printer information to a user as claimed in independent claim 14 including display of multiple Properties pages including a Support Manual page, with the Support Manual page being

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distinct from other Properties pages and including a link to a Web site, with the Web site including information corresponding to a printer being used by the user.

The Examiner recognizes that the Lee reference does not disclose the print dialog box including a properties actuator, and recognizes that the Lee reference does not disclose in response to the user actuating the properties actuator, displaying multiple properties pages including a Support Manual page, the Support Manual page being distinct from other Properties pages and including a link to a Web site, the Web site including information corresponding to a printer being used by the user (Detailed Action, page 3). As such, the Examiner contends that the Ogino reference discloses the print dialog box comprises a Properties actuator which, in response to actuation thereof, displays multiple pages including a link that can provide a Support Manual (Detailed Action, page 3). Thus, the Examiner suggests that it would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to combine Ogino's teaching with Lee (Detailed Action, page 3).

The Ogino reference relates to a printing output user interface control method which provides user input setting support in a printing-related information setting environment at a printing data supply device when a display device installed in a printing output device such as a copying machine, a printer, etc., performs a predetermined display according to information supplied externally (Ogino, para. [0001]). With reference to FIGS. 5-8, the Ogino reference discloses procedures to set printing job information for a print function (Ogino, para. [0061]). More specifically, the Ogino reference discloses clicking a Print button on the user interface of FIG. 5 to invoke a printing-related information setting environment, and choosing Property on the screen to open a printer driver setting screen as shown in FIG. 6(a) (Ogino, para. [0061]). Although the printer driver setting screen of FIG. 6(a) of the Ogino reference includes a Help button, the Help button is displayed with the Retention tag (Ogino, para. [0061]). The Ogino reference, however, does not disclose a support manual page distinct from other properties pages, and does not disclose a support manual page including a link to a Web site, with the Web site including information corresponding to a printer being used by the user.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that modifying the Lee reference in view of the Ogino reference, as suggested by the Examiner, does not overcome the shortcomings of the Lee reference. More specifically, Applicant submits that the combination of the Lee and

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Ogino references does not disclose displaying multiple Properties pages including a Support Manual page, with the Support Manual page being distinct from other Properties pages and including a link to a Web site, with the Web site including information corresponding to a printer being used by the user, as claimed in independent claims 1 and 14. Applicant notes that to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974).

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 14, and the dependent claims depending therefrom, are each patentably distinct from the Lee and Ogino references and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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